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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Phillipps (WO 02/09362).

Regarding claims 1 and 19, Phillipps discloses a system and method of establishing a Bluetooth wireless connection between handheld computers (See fig. 2) comprising: a) storing a plurality of Bluetooth device identifications corresponding to a plurality of handheld computer systems on a memory resident list of a specific handheld computer system (See page 3, lines 30-34); b)

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accessing the device identifications on the specific handheld computer system (See page 3, lines 30-34); c) and establishing a Bluetooth connection between the specific handheld computer system and the plurality of handheld computer systems, wherein the establishing bypasses a Bluetooth discovery process (See page 4, lines 1-2).

Claim 13 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 1 and 19, as apparatus.

Regarding claims 2 and 20. Phillipps discloses as cited in claims 1 and 19. Phillipps further discloses at least one of the plurality of Bluetooth device identifications is automatically determined in communications between the specific handheld computer system and members of the plurality of handheld computer systems prior to step c) (See page 3, lines 27-28).

Claim 14 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 2 and 20, as apparatus.

Regarding claims 3 and 21, Phillipps discloses as cited in claims 1 and 19. Phillipps further discloses at least one of the plurality of Bluetooth device identifications is entered by a user of the specific handheld computer system (See page 3 line 34 to page 4 line 1).

Claim 15 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claim 3 and 21, as apparatus.

Regarding claims 4 and 22, Phillipps discloses as cited in claims 1 and 20. Phillipps further discloses step b) further comprises: b1) accessing the plurality of device identifications; b2) displaying representations of the plurality of device

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identifications on a display of the specific handheld computer system; b3) and including at least one handheld computer system corresponding to one of the plurality of Bluetooth device identifications in the Bluetooth wireless connection (See page 3 line 30 to page 4 line 2).

Claim 16 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 4 and 22, as apparatus.

Regarding claims 5 and 23. Phillipps discloses as cited in claims 4 and 22. Phillipps further discloses one of the representations of the plurality of device identifications is a Bluetooth friendly name (known Bluetooth device type) (See page 4 lines 23-34).

Claim 17 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 5 and 23, as apparatus.

Regarding claims 6 and 24, Phillipps discloses as cited in claims 1 and 20. Phillipps further discloses step d) responsive to a failure of step c), beginning the Bluetooth discovery process (See page 5 lines 3-10).

Claim 18 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 6 and 24, as apparatus.

Regarding claim 7, Phillipps discloses a method of rejecting a Bluetooth communication request (See fig. 4) comprising: a) receiving a Bluetooth communication request at a handheld computer, wherein the communication request comprises a device identification; b) automatically accessing on the handheld computer a memory resident list of trusted device identifications; c) and rejecting a Bluetooth communications request if the device identification is not a

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member of the list of trusted device identification (See fig. 4 and col. 3 line 30 to col. 4 line 11).

Regarding claim 8, Phillipps discloses as cited in claim 7, Phillipps further discloses displaying a representation of the device identification on a display of the handheld computer (See page 3 lines 30-33).

Regarding claim 9, Phillipps discloses as cited in claim 8. Phillipps further discloses the representation of the device is a Bluetooth friendly name (known Bluetooth device type) (See col. 4 lines 23-24).

Regarding claims 10-11, Phillipps discloses as cited in claim 7. In Bluetooth communication protocol, the communication request inherently comprises a page message or an inquiry message.

Regarding claim 12, Phillipps discloses as cited in claim 7, Phillipps further discloses an entry in the list of trusted device identifications is automatically determined in a communication between the handheld computer and another Bluetooth enabled device (See page 3 lines 27-28).

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Jonsson (6,463,276); Burr (2003/0045272); Pinder et al. (6,701,160) ; Cannon et al. (2002/0090912).

### ***Response to Arguments***

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Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**Conclusion**

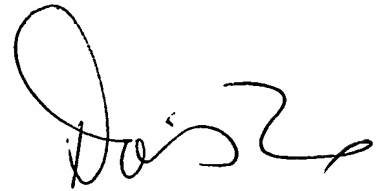
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10:00AM-6:30PM.

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